



November 20, 2003 Minutes

Location

Cinergy Plainfield Ofc, Plainfield, IN

Attendees

Jim Stout, John Thomas, Michael Machlan, Jere Riggs, Jerry King, Jill Saligoe-Simmel, George Toft, Alex Wernher, John Buechler (proxy for Karen Frederickson), Ed Lutz, Phil Worrall, Fiona Solkowski, Bob Weaver, Tom Mahon.

Clifford Ong, Director of CTASC, invited

1. Introductions

- a. Indicated that Eric Torok had to resign from the IGIC Board of Directors due to a change in position and responsibilities within the Schneider Corp. Introduced Eric's replacement, new board member Jeff Corns (not present), GIS Director, The Schneider Corp, (317) 826-7272, jcorns@schneidercorp.com

2. IGIC Funding and Authorization issues

- a. Sen. Ford, working with the Polis Center at IUPUI, is preparing a draft piece of legislation establishing a GIS Council and designating the Polis Center as the staffing agency for the Council.
That activity is not initiated by IGIC, and Polis has clearly identified that they are not acting on behalf of IGIC.

The IGIC Board had many questions regarding the above activity, as well as the vision and direction the State is moving toward for supporting statewide GIS, as indicated by Jill Saligoe-Simmel at the October 2003 IGIC Board meeting. Clifford Ong was invited to present a review of related state activities.

- b. Clifford Ong presented a general overview of the process for a Bill to become law. This involves assigning a House Number, going through fiscal analysis, review by various offices within the administration, and committee hearings.

Clifford also offered background on the sources/amounts of homeland security funding being committed for GIS. To date, there are a handful of

federal homeland security grant programs to the state and disbursed to local government. Of these, the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) Homeland Security Grant has been used to fund GIS (this is a hardware intensive grant). ODP 2003 Phase 1 included \$100,000 primarily to fund the infrastructure for GIS in the State Emergency Management Agency – Emergency Operation Center and Mobile Command Center. ODP 2003 Phase 2 funding included \$500,000 for statewide infrastructure, primarily to build out support for regional response agencies. ODP 2004 will have an undetermined amount allocated for GIS activities.

In regard to the proposed draft legislation, there is an agreement that statewide GIS coordination responsibilities must be institutionalized. Clifford stated that an office that staffs statewide GIS would need to be a state office, primarily due to the regulatory authority that should be granted that office. Any efforts along these lines should recognize that this will involve active engagement of local government. This will require consultants, institutions, IGIC and others to do that engagement. Also, it is equally important to help local government with an institutionalized approach to applying the technology (and that will take manpower to accomplish). It was noted that the current proposal lacks a funding model. Also noted

Clifford is working with the Governor's Office on a proposal to establish and staff an Office of GIS within the Department of Administration. The effort entails expanding the mission of the State Land Office, renaming that office to reflect its mission, and staffing the office. The effort is moving forward.

- c. John Buechler stated it is the university's vision that the structure be fashioned loosely to resemble the Indiana Business Research Institute, housed at IUPUI. He indicated that Polis, and the university, would proceed with making recommendations to Sen. Ford regarding their vision and recommended changes in the draft proposal.
- d. The Executive Committee (as per mtg 11/10/03 attached) has made a set of high level recommendations for IGIC action given the efforts underway described above. These are consistent with Mr. Ong's observation that IGIC present its "dream vision" for a structure if authorized, including pros and cons, fall-backs, and a review of other states (note: IGIC has a completed review of other states from the formation of IGIC and when the State Budget Agency assisted with a funding model review).

ACTION ITEM: A work group was formed to document IGIC's recommendations for structure and authorization. Members of the workgroup: Jim Stout, Phil Worrall, Alex Wernher, Jere Riggs, Roger Koelpin, Jill Saligoe-Simmel, Jeff Corns (volunteered in his absence).

MOTION: A motion was made to keep the IGIC workgroup separate from the IUPUI proposal. Motion carried (1 opposed).

3. Review of Oct 16th meeting / outcomes
4. Adoption of MOU with USGS re: National Map (Charley Hickman) - motion carries
5. Briefing - Open Data Consortium new documents, presented for review
6. IGIC Board Member Rotation, presentation of process
7. New business: Consideration of framework data recommendation for boundaries (JSS) – to be addressed at next IGIC meeting
8. adjourn

Next Meeting Date: December 18, 10am-3pm combined with INGISI meeting